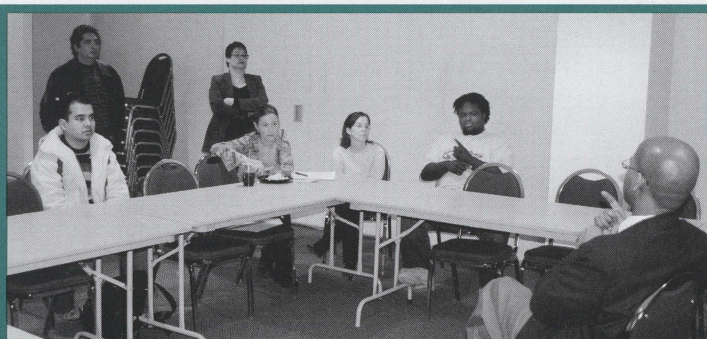




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Lindsay Dunn (right), special assistant to the president, Office for Advocacy, leads a February 25 rap session on the lives and philosophies of civil rights leaders Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. The event was one of many activities slated by Multicultural Student Programs in February as part of the University's recognition of Black History Month.

Black History Month featured array of informative, entertaining events

Black History Month at Gallaudet kicked off on February 18 with *Woman, Ain't I?* a one-woman play starring Kathryn Woods, memorializing the life of Sojourner Truth, an enslaved black woman born Isabella Baumfree in Hurley, N.Y., in 1797, who became a legendary abolitionist after she escaped from slavery.

The play segued to a slate of events at Kendall Green to celebrate black people, their culture, and their history. Black History Month on campus was sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs (MSP), the Black Deaf Student Union (BDSU), Kappa Sigma, Student Affairs, Center for Academic Programs and Student Services, Bon Appétit, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of the President.

One of the most popular events, according to Elvia Guillermo, MSP coordinator, was the step show on February 19 performed by Da Jump Back. The group entertained the audience with a comedy routine, dance, and song signing.

Sophomore Aaron Loggins, one of the dancers in the step show, and a performer with the Wild Zappers, commented that black history has had such a great impact on him, that he wanted to spread the word to the black community on campus. "I want to be able to

influence other black deaf people in the same way that Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr., influenced me," he said. "Being involved with BDSU and doing this step show helps me raise awareness of some of the contributions of the black community."

Another popular event was the Black Deaf Expo, held February 26 in the SUB's multipurpose room. The expo was presented by Invisible Hands, Inc., a non-profit organization that promotes deaf awareness through the arts. The expo featured performances from Miss Deaf America 2002-2004 Tyese Wright, Sho Roc (rapper and Gallaudet student Keith Brown), the Black Deaf Rappers, the Wild Zappers, National Deaf Dance Theater, MSSD dancers, and D.C. Black Deaf Advocates representatives. The expo closed with a performance entitled "Black Deaf Male: Whom Am I? Can It Be Done..." by Fred Beam, former president of the D.C. Area Black Deaf Advocates.

"I was impressed with this year's leadership [in the BDSU]," said Guillermo. "They set very effective goals and had quite a list of events for students to participate in. I would like to see more campus and club organization activities like this to increase the diversity of experience for our students."



The day before taking center stage at the U.S. Mint's 2005 National Nickel Exchange, Cody the American Buffalo and his owner, Mike Fogel, visited bison of the two-legged variety—namely, Gallaudet students. Arriving at Gallaudet on February 28, the bison—a member of North America's largest land mammals—was in town to take part in the ceremonies surrounding the unveiling of the 2005 nickel. He resided in a trailer on Kendall Green—an appropriate place of lodging since the bison is the University's mascot. Cody has become quite a celebrity, appearing in the movies *Dances with Wolves* and *Radio Flyer*, as well as commercials, fairs, parades, and Native American events. Here, Fogel introduces Cody to the bison sculpture at the Field House.



President Jordan joins members of the Academic Affairs Planning Committee and the Academic Affairs Unit Administrators during a lunch break in their all-day meeting on March 3. The joint committee reviewed reports and prepared final feedback for Academic Affairs departments and units in relation to their initiatives that support new directions and priorities in the division. Pictured (from left) are: Dr. Isaac Agboola, Dr. Janet Pray, Dr. Karen Kimmel, Dr. Barbara Bodner-Johnson, Dr. Jane Fernandes, Dr. Jordan, Judy Berglund, Eileen Matthews, and Dr. Thomas Allen.

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Career Fair attracts large number of students, employers



Senior Elena Madina Oregui (left) majoring in business and economics, talks with Federal Reserve Board agent Pav Lee (third from right) and her assistant, and interpreter Toni Fitzgerald (right) at the Career Fair on February 23. Oregui, from Madrid, Spain, was discussing the possibility of interning with the Federal Reserve after she graduates in December.

The Career Center's bi-annual Internship and Job Fair, held February 23, proved to be a big success, according to center director Steve Koppi. "We are confident that this effort will bear fruit for our students" as they look for off-campus employment and internships to fulfill their graduation requirements, said Koppi.

Koppi said that 38 employers and over 500 students attended the exhibition. The Career Center does not pick and choose potential employers for the fair, instead it targets a broad range of employers, typically a cross-section of federal

government agencies and businesses and organizations from the private sector.

"We had a good variety of employers from all over the U.S.A.," said Pamela Mower, employer recruiter for the Career Center. She said the fair attracted some heavy-weight employers, including Time-Warner and IBM.

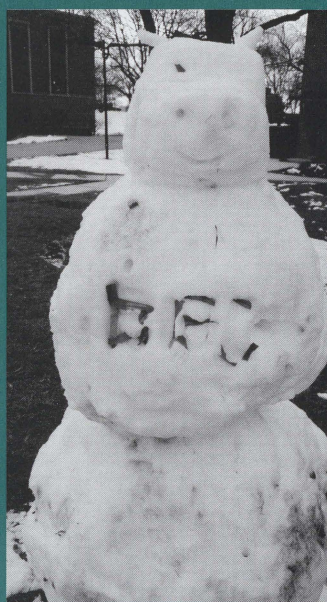
The Career Center exceeded its goal of filling the SUB's multipurpose room, with overflow booths spilling out to both sides of the hallway, even expanding to the building's lower level. Students were impressed with the employer turnout at the fair, some commenting that it was exciting to see the many choices of jobs and internships being offered. Employers, too, were enthused with the positive reception they received from the campus. Career Center staff said that many of the employers said they wished the fair could be longer than one day.

The positive response, said Koppi, "demonstrates the high level of interest employers have in Gallaudet University. For new employers, participating in the job fair is a great way to learn about the University, meet students, chat with faculty and staff, and build relationships that lead to more and better opportunities for students."

All Career Center professional staff contributed to the effort, along with the center's student staff members and volunteers.

The next Career Fair will be held this fall.

This "snowbison" spotted on the east side of Peet Hall on March 1 was perhaps crafted in homage to the campus visit of a real bison the previous day.



PERSONNEL NOTES

Service awards for February:

Five years:

Bruce Riley, interpreter III, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Shanon Price**, secretary III, Clerc Center; **Cary Barbin**, senior research engineer, Technology Access Program

Ten years:

Marti Edelman, operations coordinator, Center for ASL Literacy; **Brandon Caesar**, registered nurse, Student Health Services; **Angela Farrand**, assistant professor, Theatre Arts

Twenty-five years:

Francis Matthews, networks/telecommunications specialist, Information Technology Services; **Lester Thomas**, custodian, Custodial Services

Thirty years:

John Horton, mechanic, Maintenance Services

Employees hired in February:

Patricia Bowman, assistant director for annual giving, Development Office; **Hui Cai**, parking and I.D. technician, Department of Public Safety; **Harold Romero**, access control specialist, Systems and Operations; **David Samuel**, groundskeeper, Grounds Services

Promotions in February:

George Gateau, manager, Systems and Operations; **Dennis Naber**, manager, Maintenance Services; **Tyese Wright**, family educator fellow, Family Involvement, Clerc Center



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

I think it was hysterical that last month's so-called "snow storms" practically shut down the entire region. I was proud that Gallaudet stayed open even when the weather predictors were saying we were going to have 10 or more inches. And what happened? Just a few flakes that didn't even stick on the roads! President Jordan and Vice President Kelly are to be congratulated for sticking to their guns and keeping the University open for business.

Snowless in D.C.

Dear Snowless,

You may want to consider entering the Federal Witness Protection Program once your letter is printed for all on campus to read as Aunt Sophie feels confident that yours is the minority opinion of the "snow-be-damned" position taken by our leaders. Yes, it's true that the dire predictions broadcasted incessantly by the weather gurus never materialized, yet one can't help but imagine the commuter madness and mayhem that many of the campus faithful might have faced if things went as expected. And while it's hardly beneficial to dredge up the matter at this late date—spring is bursting out all over, after all—it is worth noting that there is nothing wrong with occasionally "erring on the side of caution." Au contraire, to do so can be exceedingly beneficial to the University's collective spirit.



Administration & Finance

A reminder about policy changes

At the end of October, A & F published a list of policy changes that had been approved by the Board of Trustees at its October meeting. Included in those changes were edits to the three policies regarding Educational Assistance, Tuition Waiver, and Tuition Assistance. The revisions include:

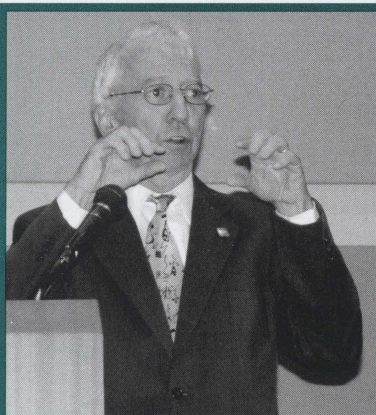
Policies 3:13 & 3:15 - Educational and Tuition Assistance:

- Eliminated the dollar amount of tuition and replaced it with "... up to the amount of Gallaudet's Board-approved full-time U.S. student tuition." This was done so that the policy does not need to be updated each year when tuition changes.

Policies 3:13, 3:15, & 3:14: Educational and Tuition Assistance & Tuition Waiver:

- The "Conditions" for all three policies have been revised to include precluding benefits if the employee has outstanding obligations to the University. This includes both reimbursements and documentation of satisfactory course completion.
- Revised to include use of assistance money for mandatory fees (those required of all students at the time of registration), instead of only laboratory fees.

The Administration & Operations (A & O) policies are on the A & F website, af.gallaudet.edu. (See the menu bar at the top of the page.) Take a few minutes to review these policies if you or a family member are taking a class this semester or thinking of doing so in the future.

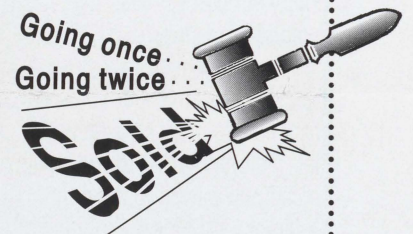


Faculty, staff, and teachers who contributed to the University in 2004 and so far in 2005 were invited to a breakfast on March 2 in the Kellogg Conference Hotel to recognize their support. A PowerPoint presentation entitled "Together we are making a difference" scrolled in the background with a photo montage and names of contributors. In 2004, 359 donors from the Gallaudet community gave a total of \$138,000. Some of the campus initiatives they chose to support included the James Lee

Sorenson Language and Communication Center, the Linwood D. Smith Memorial Fund, and the renovation of the KDES and MSSD lobbies. President Jordan applauded the efforts of the attendees, saying, "I am especially glad to be here because this event recognizes you and your gifts to the University. Your financial support and your hard work make such a difference in the lives of our students." Dr. Jordan then named 49 of the 2004 and 2005 President's Circle honorees and, along with Linda Jordan, presented them with Gallaudet pins. The effort to gain Gallaudet community support, known as the Campus Community Campaign, is ongoing.

AMONG OURSELVES

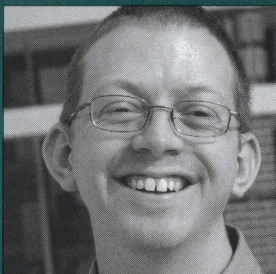
An article entitled "Deaf Dancers Celebrate 50 Years of Dance!" by **Dr. Diane Hottendorf**, Gallaudet Dance Company director, and **Sue Gill-Doleac**, assistant director of the troupe, appeared in the March issue of *Dancer* magazine. The dance company will recognize its first half-century with special performances on campus March 25 and 26.



FOR RENT: 1-BR basement apt., walking distance to campus, ceramic tile floors, plenty of light, W/D, fenced backyard, \$975/mo. plus electricity; 3BR/2BA house, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, 1018 11th Street, NE, \$1,975/mo. For both properties, call (301) 775-7371.

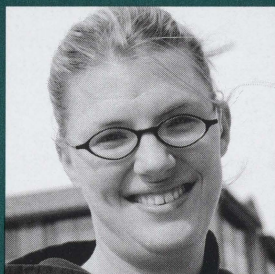
ROVING REPORTER

March is Women's History Month. Name a woman who has a great influence on your life, or on society.



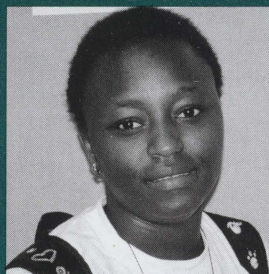
Ryan Casebolt
freshman
Idaho Falls, Idaho
computer information systems major

I admire my mother the most. She has supported me in everything. I think it's great that Women's History Month allows me to recognize her place in the ranks of other successful women.



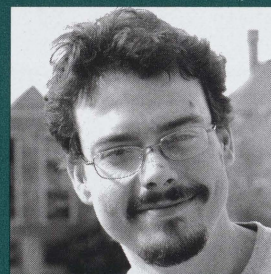
Marie-Jeanne Mullerchillieux
junior
Switzerland,
French and international relations majors

Helen Keller was absolutely amazing. I have a quote from her on my "away" messages, which I think is very inspirational—like how often we have to accomplish the small things before we can get set to accomplish the larger things.



Shwepmwa Vwarji
Nigeria,
second-year ELI student

I honor my mother. She and my father worked together to make sure my siblings and I were raised properly and were safe. She also pushed me to come to the United States to get an education.



Henry Smith
freshman
Baltimore, Md.,
psychology major

My aunt was the driving force in my life. I wasn't raised in the deaf community. She pushed me to get involved with the deaf community, which made all the difference for me. I also think Helen Keller was a major figure. She was a great example for deaf people.



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Noted presenter on the state of American education is Schaefer Distinguished Lecturer

The campus community is invited to attend a March 30 presentation by Jonathan Kozol, an educator and author whose works focus on race, poverty, and education.

Kozol, the spring semester Schaefer Distinguished Lecturer, hosted by the Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI), will present "Shame of the Nation: Re-segregation, Inequality, and Over-Testing in Public Education," at 10 a.m. in the Kellogg Conference Hotel's Swindells Auditorium.


Kozol has written about the state of American education over the last three decades. His books include *Death At An Early Age*, *Savage Inequalities*, *Amazing Grace*, *Illiterate America*, and *Rachel and Her Children*.

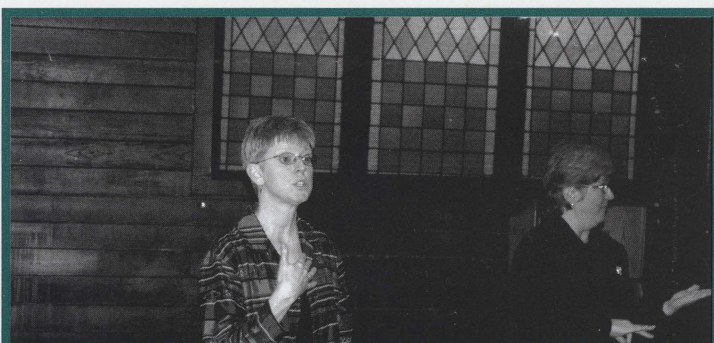
According to GRI Director Michael Karchmer, Kozol has stated that he will address "the very rapid re-segregation of our public schools, the profound inequalities minority children face, and the unhealthy 'testing mania' that has overtaken our schools under pressure from NCLB



Jonathan Kozol

[No Child Left Behind], with the result that joy, spontaneity, and respect for forms of learning (arts, culture, music, critical thinking, and children's creativity) are being driven from inner-city schools—and schools in general."

In addition to his lecture, Kozol will meet with students and faculty in several departments. 



Faculty had an opportunity to gain insights into integrative learning—an approach to learning that is gaining interest at Gallaudet—from an expert in the field, Dr. Carolyn Haynes (left), at a February 9 lunchtime presentation in Peikoff Alumni House. Haynes, a professor at the University of Miami (Ohio), director of the Windate Writing Center, director of the University of Miami's honors program, and an affiliate of women's studies, talked about her approach to interdisciplinary studies (IDS) curriculum development, IDS in general education, the connection between IDS and writing-enhanced curricula, and related topics. Later that day, Gallaudet faculty members gave presentations on their connected learning courses, with feedback from Haynes. The presentation was sponsored by the Honors Program in cooperation with CLAST. (Also pictured is GIS interpreter Sherry Hicks.)

Thinking retirement? Check out these seminars

A mid-career retirement planning seminar for employees who are approximately within 10 to 15 years of retirement is being offered by Human Resources' Benefits Office.

Government Retirement and Benefits, Inc., of Alexandria, Va., will host the seminar. Their specialists will help Gallaudet employees plan for their retirement by providing an overview of benefits they are entitled to. Employees will learn about, for example: Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) benefits, federal employees' group life insurance and health benefits, Medicare, long-term care insurance, Social Security, the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program, and

the Thrift Savings Plan.

The seminar will be held on April 11 for employees covered under CSRS or CSRS Offset, and on April 12, 13, 14, or 15 for employees covered under FERS.

Admission to the event is by invitation only for employees and spouses/registered domestic partners. (Invitations were mailed recently to employees' home addresses.) There is a limit of 30 people per seminar; registration before March 24 is required. All seminars will be held in "Ole Jim" from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lunch is included.

For more information, contact agnes.muse@gallaudet.edu or hollie.fallstone@gallaudet.edu. 

CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

Judges could face challenge with hundreds of deaf students entering Gallaudet's national contests

By Susan M. Flanigan

Judges for the sixth annual Gallaudet National Essay Contest and a concurrent art contest may face a special challenge: 250 essays and 64 drawings and paintings have been submitted to the contests on the theme of "Life Turning Point."

"These are the most entries we've received in the years I've worked here," said Tim Worthylake, publications specialist in the Clerc Center and contest co-coordinator. "We received entries from 37 states and Canada in the essay contest. In years past, most of our entries were from students in mainstream schools, but this year we received many entries from 23 schools for deaf students as well."

The Clerc Center sponsors the essay contest yearly in conjunction with the Office of Enrollment Services. The art contest has been conducted for two years in conjunction with the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies. "The goal of the contests is to give deaf and hard of hearing students an incentive to explore their feelings through writing and art—and to assure them recognition and a forum for expression," said Worthylake.

"Gallaudet University's offer of scholarship money to winners has proven a real incentive," he added. "Our system of informing people about the contests through e-mail was also important in increasing the number of entries."

The art contest began out of the

concern of Dr. Jane Nickerson and Dr. Karen Kimmel when both were teaching English at Gallaudet University. Kimmel, who is now dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies, and Nickerson wanted to provide students with an opportunity for expression through visual media, including pen and ink, pastel, watercolor, mixed media, acrylic, crayon, or pencil. Entries in the art contest more than doubled this year.

"We are grateful to all our judges," said Worthylake. "They are busy professionals, each of whom has published his or her own work. We appreciate that they volunteer their time, expertise, and skills to help us make the contest a success."

Judges for the essay contest are:

- **Dr. Gina Oliva**, who has worked at Gallaudet for more 30 years, is a professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation and author of *Alone in the Mainstream: A Deaf Woman Remembers Public School*;
- **Dr. Madan Vasishta**, adjunct professor in the Department of Administration and Supervision, was superintendent of several schools for deaf students, and has published four books and scores of articles;
- **Chris Heuer**, poet and instructor in the English Department, is a regular contributor to Tactile Mind Press.


Judges for the art contest are:

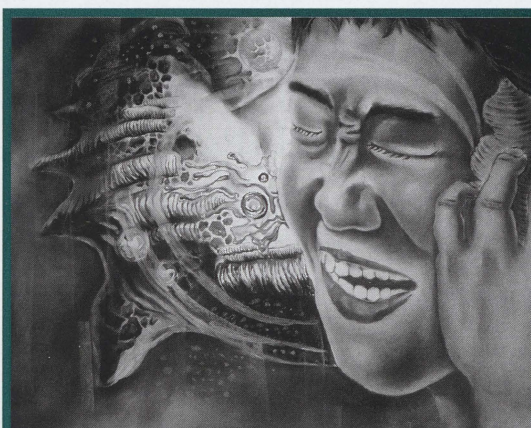
- **Andre Pellerin**, painter, potter, and lab and special collection assistant in the Art Department;
- **Philip Bogdan**, teacher/researcher for KDES; and
- **Lori Lutz**, evaluation associate with the Office of Exemplary Programs and Research at the Clerc Center.

"One of the most important parts of the contest is that all participants are recognized," noted Worthylake. "Each contest participant receives a certificate of meritorious entry, and all art entries will be displayed in a gallery on our website. We hope to include as many essays as possible, too."

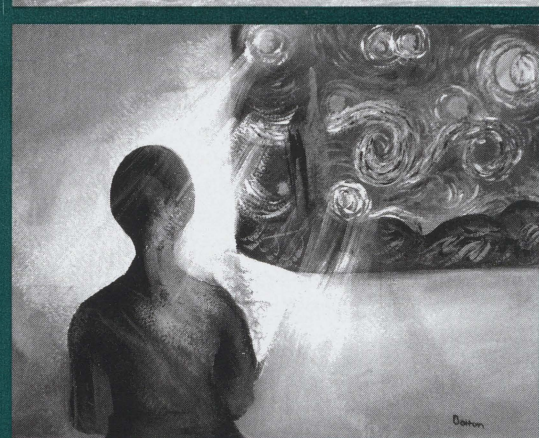
Essay contest place winners receive scholarship money for the college or postsecondary training of their choice: \$1,000 first place, \$500 second place, \$300 third place, and \$100 each for two honorable mentions. Awards are doubled for winners who choose to attend Gallaudet. The first place winner also receives a scholarship to the Young Scholars' Program.

The first place art contest winner will receive \$100. In addition, art contest place winners and their school libraries will receive a copy of *Douglas Tilden: The Man and His Legacy*, by Mildred Albronda. This coffee table book with photographs of the sculptures and life of Tilden, the deaf artist whose statues stand in public places throughout San Francisco, Calif., was donated generously by the Mildred Albronda Memorial Trust. Winners will be announced and winning entries will be printed in the spring issue of *World Around You*.

For more information about the contest, e-mail timothy.worthylake@gallaudet.edu. 



Examples of the many entries for the art component of the 2005 National Essay Contest are, clockwise from above: "To Changing My Mind About Music," by T. Kim, San Diego, Calif.; "Silent Wolf," by D. Baird, Birmingham, Ala.; and "Imagine," by B. Bolton, Wind Lake, Wisc.



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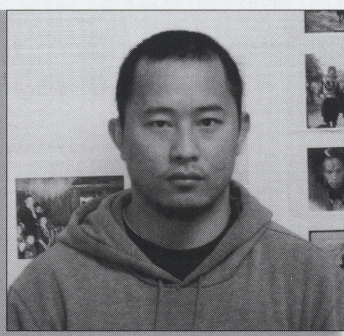
Tou Vang: Facing loss from the tsunami

The tsunami that struck many countries in Asia and East Africa, killing an estimated 200,000 people, also deeply affected a Gallaudet student. December 26 became the day that forever changed the life of sophomore Tou Vang and his family.

Vang's family is originally from Laos, a small country sandwiched between Northeastern Thailand and Southwestern Vietnam. When the U.S. withdrew its troops from the Vietnam War, many Laotians were killed in retaliation for sheltering and supporting the Americans. Vang's family escaped into Thailand, and eventually he and his immediate family relocated to Stevensport, Wisc. Vang's parents remained very close with their large families who stayed behind in the Thailand province of Phuket.

Vang was in Michigan visiting his girlfriend during the Christmas break when he got a call from his father on December 26, telling him to come home immediately, that there had been a family emergency. When he arrived home two days later, his mother could barely speak in the depth of her grief—over 70 family members on her side of the family died in the pounding waves of the tsunami. Vang also lost family members on his father's side. Four uncles were hunting in Phuket when the tsunami struck. No one has heard from them since.

"I am angry and hurt that this happened to my family," said Vang. "I worry about what will happen to my mother and my father. They've



Tou Vang

been through so much already, and my mother's grief is devastating."

To help with the recovery effort, Vang's parents flew to Thailand on December 29. "I wanted to leave Gallaudet and stay home to take care of my younger sister," said Vang. His father dissuaded him, telling him to continue his studies during the spring semester while his brother and grandmother stayed behind in Wisconsin.

At Gallaudet, faculty and staff have been particularly solicitous of Vang's situation. The Department of Physical Education and Recreation, where Vang is majoring in recreation and leadership therapy, has put up a bulletin board up near the entrance to the basketball courts to detail the profiles and photographs of some of Vang's family members who were killed.

"I'm trying to move on," said Vang. "It depends on the day and how I'm feeling. This is a horrible thing that happened." **G**

Kellogg Conference Hotel rooms to be named

Gallaudet's Recognition Committee has received a request from Gary Aller, executive director of Business and Support Services, to name 10 of the main rooms at the Kellogg Conference Hotel (KCH). Rooms include the ballroom, executive boardroom, and eight meeting rooms.

In response to the request, the Recognition Committee established a committee to come up with a list of names for nine rooms for the Recognition Committee's review. The naming of the tenth room, the boardroom, will be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Primary consideration will be given to names of people or events that have had a positive impact on the University. Suggested names can be those of either deaf or hearing people, but they must have been retired or separated from the University for at least two years, or deceased for two or more years.

The KCH Room Naming Committee requests that a brief biography (for individuals) or description (for events) accompany each submission. All suggestions must be submitted by March 21 and can be sent via e-mail to

roomnames@gallaudet.edu, or through campus mail to the attention of Sam Sonnenstrahl, Peikoff Alumni House.

The committee will review all suggestions, then pare the list to 20 names and again ask for input from the campus and deaf communities. Following the second round of input, the committee will recommend names to the Recognition Committee. According to naming procedures defined by the Recognition Committee, the final approval of names will come from the University president.

The Room Naming Committee consists of Sam Sonnenstrahl, chair, Alumni Relations Office; Lindsay Dunn, President's Office; Tawny Holmes, Student Body Government president; Mike Kaika, Gallaudet University Alumni Association board member; Michael Olson, staff; Dr. Stephen Weiner, faculty; and Fred Weiner, chair of the University Recognition Committee (ex-officio). Bobbie Boswell of the Alumni Relations Office serves as the staff support person. **G**

STUDENT AFFAIRS Exposé

Gallaudet swim team captains find common ground

By Jeremy Bunblasky, sports information director, Department of Athletics

Gallaudet senior swim team co-captains Stephanie Danner (Pittsford, N.Y.) and Ray Clark (Fairfax, Va.) met the first day of swim practice during their freshman year. While their personalities are different, it's the intense passion for swimming that leads them to common ground.

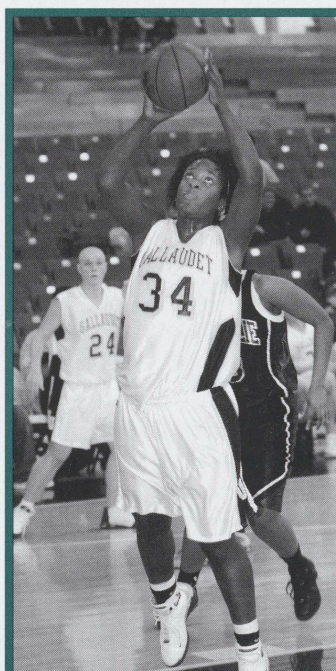
Danner, who is also a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, plunged into Gallaudet with a mind-numbing class schedule, forcing her to arrive late or leave early during her first year of practices. The pair worked diligently together in the pool but it wasn't until later in their inaugural season when they began to obtain a true sense for one another.

"I can't predict what I would be like if Stephanie was not on the team," said Clark. "She has a real positive attitude and all the swimmers on the team look up to her." If it's true that one's positive attitude can transcend into another's posi-

tive performance, then Danner's radiance has clearly provided a boost for Clark. He will graduate from Gallaudet in May, leaving as the most prolific men's swimmer in school history.

"Ray gets along with all kinds of people and is always good for a laugh outside the pool," said Danner. It's apparent that Clark's laid-back philosophy has created a more relaxed atmosphere for Danner and the rest of the Bison Squad. The unit entered this season's Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Championships and shattered 11 team records. Danner—the 2004 CAC Swimmer of the Year and 2004 Gallaudet Athlete of the Year—will also be departing the University this spring.

Danner's post-collegiate options include pursuing a master of business administration degree at the Rochester Institute of Technology, while Clark, a communications major, is undecided on which route he will choose. One thing is certain, their legacy will not be forgotten at Gallaudet anytime soon. The north wall inside the swimming



Junior forward Victoria Crockett was named to the All-CAC second team. She finished the season as the CAC women's basketball leader in rebounds, averaging 10 per game. She is currently ranked fourth in blocking, with an average of two blocks per game, and fifth in scoring, with approximately 13 points per game.

facility reveals a pair of records boards. A glimpse at the boards proves that the two have firmly cemented their respective places in school history—Clark's name rests next to 12 individual and four team events, while Danner's sits beside 10 individual marks and one team spot. **G**

CAMPUS CALENDAR

March

17-20—Northeast Regional Academic Bowl, CAPS at Monty Tech High School, Fitchburg, Mass.

19—Baseball vs. Baptist Bible (doubleheader), Hoy Field, noon

20—Baseball vs. Christendom (doubleheader), Hoy Field, 2 p.m.

23—Last day for undergraduates to withdraw with WD grade or change to Audit; Softball vs. Catholic (doubleheader), Softball Field, 2:30 p.m.

24—GraduationFest '05, potential graduating students can find out how to prepare for graduation, SUB Multipurpose Room, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Workshop: "Electronic

books—what are they?," MLC LN11, noon-1 p.m.; Teleconference: "Learning Communities: Pathways to Deep Learning and Campus Transformation," SAC Multimedia Theater, 1-3 p.m.; Movie: *Boys Don't Cry*, SAC Multimedia Theater, 7 p.m.

25—Softball vs. Hood (doubleheader), Softball Field, 3 p.m.

25-26—Gallaudet Dance Company's 50th Anniversary Dance Concert, Elstad Auditorium, 8 p.m.

26—Interpretation Workshop, "Interpreting Referring Expressions in ASL/English Discourse," KCH 3100, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Softball vs. Villa Julie (doubleheader), Softball Field, noon; Baseball vs. York, Hoy

Field, 1 p.m.; Men's Tennis vs. McDaniel, Tennis Courts, 1 p.m.

29—Softball vs. York (doubleheader), Softball Field, 2:30 p.m.

30—Men's Tennis vs. Virginia Wesleyan, Tennis Courts, 3:30 p.m.

31-April 1—Performance, "GEMS: Instincts of a CODA," by Sherry Hicks, Foster Auditorium, 7 p.m.

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2—Baseball vs. Salisbury (doubleheader), Hoy Field, noon; Softball vs. Chestnut Hill (doubleheader), Softball Field, 1 p.m.; Men's Tennis vs. Chestnut Hill, Tennis Courts, 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Barbara Hardaway, a professor in the English Department, presents an overview of the research she conducted with Honors senior Melissa Marshall-Foote last semester on St. Helena Island, S.C., on the Gullah language and culture. Speaking at a March 8 CLAST Scholars Forum, Hardaway described the language called Gullah—a blend of Elizabethan English and West African languages characterized by distinctive cadence, accents, words, and intonation—that was born in the slave colonies of Africa's West Coast in the 16th century and developed on the isolated coastal rice and cotton plantations of South Carolina and Georgia. Hardaway emphasized, however, that Gullah is far more than a language; it is a rich culture that continues to flourish in the people's art, music, food, and religion, despite the encroachment of development and other outside pressures. In fact, she said that during the researchers' interviews, the indigenous island people expressed a great deal of interest about deaf people and drew many parallels between the marginalization of their two cultures and languages. Hardaway said that the next phase of the research project is to return to the islands and interview members of the deaf Gullah community to learn more about their history.

